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Endeavour Launches as Planned

STS-89 lifted off on time Thursday at 8:48 p.m. CST to begin an eight-day flight. The Space Shuttle Endeavour features the new, super lightweight external tank and the new Block IIA engine configuration. During this eighth mission to the Russian Space Station Mir, U.S. astronauts will exchange places for the fifth time, and more than 7,000 pounds of cargo will be transferred between Endeavour and Mir. Also, six microgravity science experiments, managed by Marshall's Microgravity Research program, will be activated.

Open Season for Thrift Savings Plan Ends Jan. 31

Cedreck Davis, MSFC Energy Mgr., Named 'Energy Champion' by DOE

Cedreck Davis, Marshall Energy Manager and Recycling Coordinator, has been named an "Energy Champion" by the Department of Energy's (DOE) Federal Energy Management Program. Davis is one of 71 federal employees recognized for his extraordinary leadership in energy and water conservation, and management.